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E. O. 11652 ADS DEC 31, 1973

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SUBJ: UNESCO' S SOCIAL SCIENCES DIRECTORSHIP

1. DURING ONE HOUR AND HALF TOURD' HORIZON WITH ADG HOGGART (UK), DEPTOFF (WARVARIV) RAISED NOW FAMOUS SKOROV (USSR) CASE. HGGART CONFIRMED THAT SKOROV ARRIVAL IN PARIS VERY DOUBTFUL BUT OFFERED NO EXPLANATION. ADDED THAT DG MAHEU " OBVIOUSLY EMBARRASSED AND VERY UPSET WITH WHOLE DEVELOPMENT".

2. HOGGART FEELS THAT MAHEU WILL NOT OFFER SUBJECT POST TO ANOTHER SOV. SAID THAT SKOROV WAS MAHEU' S PERSONAL CHOICE AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES NO SUBSTITUTE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.

3. ASKED WHETHER CASE WOULD NOW BE REOPENED AND SEARCH FOR NEW CANDIDATE BEGIN, HOGGART REPLIED THAT HE HOPES THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN. SUCH REOPENING WOULD INVARIABLY DELAY FILLING THIS IMPORTANT POST FOR MINIMUM SIX TO NINE MONTHS. THIS, HE SAID, UNESCO CANNOT AFFORD PARTICULARLY SINCE SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPT IS NOW BADLY STAFFED, BOTH QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, AND NEEDS GOOD LEADERSHIP. FUTHER POSTPONEMENT OF DIRECTOR' S APPOINTMENT WILL HAVE VERY NEGATIVE REPRECUSSION.

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4. HOGGART EXPECTS THAT DG MAHEU WILL OFFER POST TO LOURIE (FR) OR HAVET (FR) AND THAT ONE OF THEM WILL ACCEPT. HOGGART' S FIRST CHOICE IS STILL LOURIE BUT THINKS THAT HAVET WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS " VERY CONSCIENTIOUS, VERY INTELLIGENT AND HARDWORKING" WOULD ALSO DO A GOOD JOB IN SUBJECT POST. COMMENT: DEPTOFF TENDS TO AGREE WITH HOGGART' S REASONS AND CONCLUSIONS.

5. HOGGART ALSO MENTIONED NUMBER OF FORTHCOMING OPENINGS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPT AND ASKED FOR NAMES OF QUALIFIED AMERICANS. DEPTOFF PROMISED GIVE MATTER URGENT CONSIDERATION AND WILL DISCUSS DETAILS WITH IO/ EX (DENNING) UPON ARRIVAL NEXT WEEK.
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